Krieger wins stocks by default at Saugus

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Reseda's Larry Krieger has made a habit of coming from behind to win races at Saugus Speedway.

But Krieger, who went into Saturday's program with a commanding lead in the overall points standings, finally fell short, finishing second to San Fernando's Allen Boles in the 20-lap hobby stock main event. Or so it seemed.

Boles was disqualified after the event for racing with an illegal fiberglass hood and Krieger was named the winner.

In a similar scenerio, Krieger apparently picked up points with a second-place finish in the figure 8 and took a victory in the hobby stock trophy dash. But in the end he scored three victories as Krieger later was named winner of the figure 8. Joe Barreras of Canyon Country was first across the line, but was later disqualified for using an illegal tire and Krieger was credited with another victory.

Thus, Krieger added to what was an already commanding lead. He went into the night leading the division with 153 points. The next closest competitor was Arleta's Rip Michaels, who was a distant second with 87. Point totals will not be assessed until later this week.

Krieger started the main event in 15th position, but quickly moved into the fourth spot by lap 6.

While Krieger was passing other cars, almost at ease, Gary Redell appeared to be having an even easier time in the lead. Redell grabbed the lead from pole sitter Ray Maxon of Newhall on the second lap and was comfortably pulling away from the pack before running into trouble on the fifth lap.

On that lap, Redell apparently blew his engine, spinning out in turn No. 1 with engine fluid spewing all over the track, to bring the race to a halt.

After the track was cleared, the field was realigned with Michaels assuming the lead. Boles was in third behind Sepulveda's James Kusch and Krieger had sneaked up to seventh.

When the race resumed, it quickly became a two-battle by lap 9, with Boles moving into the lead and Krieger following closely.

Krieger rode Boles' bumper the rest of the way but was unable to pass him.

Kevin Hwang won the foreign stock main event. Pat Dennison of Granada Hills captured the win in that division's trophy dash and Canoga Park's Raymond Duff took the jalopy trophy dash.

3 Disqualified at Saugus Over Illegal Tires

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Track officials at Saugus Speedway on Saturday night awarded victories to the third-place finisher in both Hobby Stock division main events after the top two finishers of each race were disqualified for racing with illegal tires.

Allen Boles of San Fernando, the winner in the 20-lap oval main event, and Joe Barreras Jr. of Canyon Country, the winner in the 15-lap figure 8 main event, both were stripped of their wins.

Larry Krieger of Reseda, the Hobby Stock division points leader, finished second in both races and was disqualified for using one illegal tire.

"It was the compound of the tires," said Tony Famularo, Saugus' technical director. "The softness. They were just too soft."

Lawrence Leis of Canyon Country, who originally finished third in the oval race, and Rick Crow of Canyon Country, who originally finished third in the figure 8, were

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awarded wins.

In the Hobby Stock oval B main event, Shanon Flavin of West Hills swiped the lead from pole sitter Greg Van Grinsven of Simi Valley coming out of Turn 4 on Lap 15 and went on to win.

Van Grinsven, who led for most of the 20-lap race, spun out on the final lap and finished fourth. Raymond Duff of Canoga Park finished second and Mike Stuart of Sylmar finished third.

Tom Schmidt of Yucaipa won the 10-lap Foreign Stock main event and the eight-lap oval heat race.

Hobby Stock oval heat race No. 3 was marred by a spin-out and crash involving three cars. Susan Pittinato of West Hills slid sideways upon emerging from Turn 4 and was clipped by Krieger and then broadsided by Brian Kelley of Arleta.

All three drivers were unhurt. Leis won the race.

Other Hobby oval heat race winners included Van Grinsven and James Kusch of Sepulveda.

Duff and Krieger, who returned after making repairs, won eight-lap Hobby figure 8 heats.